

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
 Masashi Kon, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3865
 Application No. 09/944,501) Examiner: Cristina O. Sherr
 Filed: August 30, 2001)
 For: PERSON AUTHENTICATION APPLICATION DATA)
 PROCESSING SYSTEM, PERSON AUTHENTICATION)
 APPLICATION DATA PROCESSING METHOD,)
 INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND)
 PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM)

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office communication dated December 10, 2008. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects Species I, Fig 6, and designates claims 1-11 for further examination.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims and/or to request rejoinder of non-elected claims, and/or to request rejoinder of any non-elected claims as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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